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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. A MFA OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET TAKEN ANY FORMAL DECISION RE ADMISSION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. FOR THE MOMENT, THE ITALIANS ARE PROCEEDING ON AN AD HOC BASIS PERMITTING THOSE VIETNAMESE ALREADY IN THE COUNTRY TO REMAIN AND ALLOWING INTO ITALY THOSE WITH PERSONAL, ECONOMIC, OR CULTURAL TIES WHO EXPRESS A DESIRE TO RESETTLE HERE.

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2. OUR SOURCE WAS DOUBTFUL THAT A MORE FORMALIZED APPROACH

TO THE PROBLEM WILL EVOLVE HERE IN ITALY. THE ITALIANS
ARE NOW CONSULTING WITH THEIR EC PARTNERS (AT THE POLITICAL
DIRECTORS LEVEL IN DUBLIN) ON THE SUBJECT AFTER WHICH THEY
INTEND TO REPLY TO THE FORMAL DEMARCHE THEY HAVE RECEIVED
FROM THE UN COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. IN ADDITION, AN INTER-
AGENCY WORKING GROUP WILL BE MEETING SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE
LEGAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENTRY INT ITALY
AND THE RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. AT THE PRESENT
TIME, THE MINISTRY ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 300 VIETNAMESE,
LARGELY STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF FAO (AND THEIR DEPENDENTS),
ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING REFUGE IN ITALY. OUR SOURCE EXPECTS
SOME OF THESE TO MOVE ON TO FRANCE OR OTHER COUNTRIES WITH
LARGER VIETNAMESE COMMUNITIES AS TIME GOES ON.VOLPE

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